MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION February 10, 2021

Attendance

Members Present (via Zoom Call): Patrick Walker, Chris Babb, Katie Lawrence, Dennis Healy, Sarah Flem

City Council Representative: Sarah Stankorb-Taylor

City Staff: Terry Huxel (Staff Representative)

<u>Approval of January 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes</u>

The January 13, 2021 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Solid Waste/Recycling Update

Terry indicated that the recycling rate for 2020 was 47.86%.

Up Cycle/Junk Day

The ESC discussed plans for the upcoming Up Cycle Day on April 16, 2021.

- Oak Park has been confirmed
- Patrick confirmed Goodwill, Cincinnati ReUse Center, and Junk King will participate again this year
- Patrick will check with Matthew 25 Ministries to see if they are interested in participating
- Katie L. will check with Reuse Hub to see if they are interested in participating
- Terry indicated that the City could provide a dumpster for items that cannot be upcycled
- Volunteers are being coordinated with the Green Team
 - o Chris will reach out to see if the Boy Scouts may be able to participate
- Advertising
 - o Sarah is working with a city intern to develop graphics for the magnet
 - o Anticipate City eblasts, notifications on Facebook and Nextdoor
- Katie L. will coordinate a Terra Cycle collection area

Joint Ventures with Urban Forestry

ESC will check with Urban Forestry about scheduling the rain garden maintenance in May and to see if they are providing information to residents about invasive species or honeysuckle removal.

Stormwater Task Force Update

The Storm Water Survey has been released to the public to report flooding around their home. In addition to the survey a video was also released.

Video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=lwAR3pJ66Y-

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What's Up Wyoming link: https://www.whatsupwyoming.com/2021/02/community-survey-will-help-guide-solutions-to-storm-water-backups/

Survey link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSctySn0WDfLn1bbe4EHarG9p-1DO7gOlXe3LWJ2jOFepV2iw/viewform?fbzx=-8799141316468487796

2021 Waste Reduction Innovation Grant

The City is not planning on submitting for this grant at this time. Sarah provided the grant information if there are any ESC ideas to apply.

Green Business Awards and Green Your School Mini-Grants

ESC is planning on implementing these programs in the fall.

Search for New Members

There are currently two vacancies on ESC which are in process of being filled.

Next Meeting

The next ESC meeting will be on March 10, 2021.